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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director

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ATTENTION: [redacted]

SUBJECT: Draft letter in reply to inquiry of Mr. E. B. Stoker in connection with the Director's letter of 20 February 1953 to Mr. Westbrook Pegler.

1. We are returning herewith your proposed letter of reply to Mr. Stoker's letter. At your request we attach hereto a draft of a somewhat lengthier form of reply which makes reference to the statutory mandate upon the Director to protect "intelligence sources and methods."

2. We expressly intend to make no recommendation that Mr. Stoker's letter should be answered in the first instance, but would suggest that if it is, the revised form might appropriately be used.

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Office of General Counsel

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